

COMMUTERS' LEGAL TALENT QUIZ AGENT FOR B. & O. ROAD

O. P. McCarty, General Passenger Manager, Explains Differences in Rates.

UPHOLDS RECENT INCREASES

Lawyers for the Suburbanites Show That Fares Are Lower Elsewhere.

O. P. McCarty, general passenger agent for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, matched wits with attorneys fighting the proposed increase in commutation fares on the Metropolitan branch of that road at the hearing of the case before Commissioner Daniel of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Willard today.

In the direct examination, conducted by Attorney W. A. Parker, Mr. McCarty said that he had made a study of commuter rates in Cincinnati, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, and other large cities and that in none of them were 180-trip tickets now sold, nor were the rates per passenger mile in any of them so low as those obtainable by taking the 180-trip ticket here. He added that he believed the 180-trip bearer ticket could take care of the business after the 180-trip tickets were abolished on the Metropolitan branch.

Points Out Difference. Attorney J. Raymond Hoover, representing the Metropolitan Branch Commuters' Association, was the first to cross-examine Mr. McCarty and he pointed out that the Central Railroad of New Jersey carries commuters a distance of twenty-five miles into New York for \$1.00, whereas the new rate from Germantown to Washington, about the same distance, is to be \$1.10.

"If we had one-half the commuter traffic that the Central Railroad of New Jersey has," said the witness in reply, "but the Central Railroad of New Jersey carries more suburban passengers in one day than we bring into Washington in a year. They run ninety-five suburban trains into New York every day, and eighty-eight out of there, making a total of 183 trains daily."

"But they have special accommodations, such as club cars and the like on those trains," said Mr. Hoover. "Do you propose anything like that on the Metropolitan branch?"

"We'll put them on if the passengers will pay for them," he responded in the laugh that followed.

Bars Percentage Talk. Counsel for the commuters contended that the proposed increase amounted to about 65 per cent on an average, but Mr. McCarty repeatedly refused to deal in percentages, though the point was pressed several times.

"Passenger fares are never figured on a percentage basis," said he, "but on a mileage basis. Because the 180-trip tickets were unreasonably low we do not believe the percentage should be considered in determining the new rates in what we have to consider."

Attorney Jackson H. Ralston, representing the Berwyn Citizens' Association, took up the cross-examination after Mr. Hoover had finished, and one of his first questions was if the increase and decrease in fares on the Metropolitan branch had been considered by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"Not necessarily so," was the answer. "We considered the new rates reasonable, and naturally expected the people would use them."

"But here is one point where you propose to charge \$6.05 for the same number of rides that the electric line will give for \$3.35. How do you justify that?"

"The cost of handling passengers by steam railroad is very much higher than that of trolley cars, and we have to carry passengers cheaper than that we had better not have them."

EXPECT IMMIGRATION VETO BY TOMORROW

Relieved to have been unconvinced by the arguments of the Congressional conference committee on immigration today, President Wilson is expected to veto the Smith-Burnett bill containing the literacy test.

It is understood that he will send to the Senate tomorrow a message stating his belief that the literacy test would not serve the purpose of restricting undesirable immigration, but would work considerable hardship.

The conference committee, consisting of Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Robinson of Arkansas, and Congressman Gardner of Massachusetts, Burnett of Alabama, and Sabath of Illinois, spent more than an hour with the President today.

The President listened to the arguments presented to him without comment. All except Sabath are for the bill, and while Sabath is directly threatened with Congress would pass the bill over the President's veto, Senator Lodge called the attention of Mr. Wilson to the overwhelming vote by which the bill was passed.

"I have been a restrictionist for twenty-five years," said Senator Lodge on leaving the White House, "believing that some means should be devised to check the influx of undesirable elements. And I believe that the tests proposed by this bill are the best that may be provided."

IF THE BABY IS CUTTING TEETH

USE

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup

A SPLENDID REGULATOR

WHOLELY VEGETABLE—NOT NARCOTIC

CHARGES CAMPAIGN AGAINST NEUTRALITY

Write to President Claims Diplomats and Government Employees Are Implicated.

Charges that men holding office under the Government of the United States, as well as many accredited representatives of foreign countries, are league together in an effort to stir up public opinion in this country to force the United States to change her policy of neutrality in the present war are contained in a letter received at the White House today by President Wilson from a New Yorker signing himself Maurice Leon.

While the White House declined to make any comment on the letter, it has created widespread interest. This is not the first time the attention of the President has been called to systematic efforts to stir up opposition among foreign-born citizens against the policy of the State Department. So general have been these movements that the President recently, in refusing to receive a delegation from Chicago in support of the German charges of atrocities against the allies, curiously reminded those desiring the audience that Americans should not lend themselves to agitation calculated to stir up partisan feeling.

The letter from Mr. Leon is a lengthy communication, reading, in part, as follows: "Agents of a foreign government now at work, some accredited to our Government, others not, still others who hold office under the Government of the United States, are at work, and have been at work for months past, in ways generally secret or devious, attempting to stir up public opinion in this country to force the United States to change her policy of neutrality in the present war. These agents are working to organize such elements as they may succeed in aggregating into a machine to be used to further the interests of that foreign government in its dealing with the Government of the United States."

"Charging further that these agents of this foreign government, the name of which is not given, are striving to restore the expropriated citizens of that government to their former allegiance, the letter states that this effort is being made by large sections of foreign-born voters to force the Administration to comply with the wishes of their fatherland."

"Can we allow our country," reads the letter, "to be honeycombed by an organization or organizations acting under foreign direction to carry out the policy of a foreign government and compel adherence to that policy by our Government? Whatever be our private sympathies, we ought to be all agreed upon the necessity for preserving our neutrality in the face of interference which involves so serious a menace to our institutions, to our independence."

CITE PARALLEL CASE

TO THAT OF DACIA

As being to a certain extent parallel to the Dacia case, that of the Benito Estlin is cited by International law experts. The Benito Estlin was captured by the German navy on June 27, 1898, off Cape Cruz, Cuba.

The claim was then set up that she was a British vessel, and belonged to Arthur C. Beattie, a British subject. She was condemned by the lower court. Prior to June 8, 1898, the vessel had been the property of Enrique de Mesa, a subject of Spain and resident of Santiago, Cuba.

On that date she was transferred to Beattie, and she was sold, and registered as a British vessel at Kingston. The consideration was \$40,000, but there was any actual passage of money.

The American consul at Kingston testified that Beattie admitted to him that the sale was to protect the vessel.

In sustaining the condemnation of the vessel as a prize, Chief Justice Fuller called particular attention to the fact that the vessel had carried a supply of grain to a port on the southern coast of Cuba, which had eventually reached the Spanish fleet.

Justice Fuller quoted from a former opinion by Justice Story as follows: "The vessel was captured by the United States, and the title to her, by the validity of the transfers by a bill of sale and payment of a reasonable consideration, it will materially impair the validity of a neutral claim, and if, after such transfer, the ship be employed habitually in the enemy's trade, or under the management of a hostile proprietor, the sale will be deemed merely a device to evade the law."

GLASS OF SALT IF

YOUR KIDNEYS HURT

Eat less meat if you feel Backache or have Bladder trouble.

Meat forms uric acid which excites and overworks the kidneys in their efforts to filter it from the system. Regular eating of meat makes your kidneys work too hard. You must relieve them like you relieve your bowels; removing all the acids, waste and poisons, uric acid is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment. The channels often get irritated, obliging you to get up two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids and flush off the body's uric waste get about four ounces of Jad Salts for a few days and your kidneys will be happy and bladder disorders disappear. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia salts. It is used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys and stop bladder irritation. Jad Salts is a purely natural, harmless and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women now and then, thus avoiding serious kidney and bladder diseases—Advt.

Old Stock Favorites to Return as Poli Players

Maud Gilbert to Become Leading Woman, Supported by Rockcliffe Fellows.

A reorganization of the Poli Players that will bring back to Washington some of the members of the company which originally established the permanent stock organization three years ago, is announced today by Sylvester Poli. While the re-organization of Maud Gilbert as leading woman, and the engagement of Rockcliffe Fellows as leading man are the only names which Mr. Poli cares to announce at the present time, at least one other member of the original company and two other prominent stage favorites will open with the company a week from next Monday.

Miss Kemble, the present leading woman, and Mr. Mackey, the leading man, recently received offers of a most advantageous character to take the leads in a company with which they were associated before coming to Washington. They have become so insistent that they were forced to yield.

Miss Stanton contemplated retiring from the stage for a rest at Christmas time, but was prevailed upon to remain with the company because of her strong personal following. In view of the departure of Miss Kemble and Mr. Mackey, however, she has also announced her intention of retiring.

Poli immediately set about the complete reorganization contemplated several months ago. Maud Gilbert will be remembered as the leading woman when Miss Jewel went on her first vacation. She made an instant success. Last year she headed one of the "With the Law" companies in the part of Mary Turner. While at her home in Brooklyn, she appeared in a series of war features with the Vitaphone motion picture company.

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Opponents Declare Democrats Will "Blow Up" Before Bill Can Be Passed.

With the filibuster on the shipping bill in the Senate still going on without interruption, with the Democratic leaders prepared to force night sessions beginning tonight, with the White House crowding the Democratic Senators to act, and with opponents of the measure insisting they are prepared to hold out indefinitely, the situation as to passage of the bill continues indefinite today. Indications point to the bill's passage eventually, but whether it will be so late as to force an extra session is speculative.

Senator Kern expressed confidence in passage of the bill, but leaders of the opposition say that if they can hold out until next week the Democratic forces will win. The new juvenile man is an old friend of Washington players, and if Miss Forde cannot be prevailed upon to remain, the ingenué also will be an old favorite.

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relations, however, changed her viewpoint. The irregularity charged by Mrs. Rogers in her complaint, they cover two periods of time—from August 15, 1911, to October 9, 1911, and from October 12, 1911, to December 24, 1911. August 15 was the day Rogers gave up his Riverside Drive apartment and, moving with his wife to Mountain View, N. Y., left her in that place and hurried back to New York to take up life as the husband of Mrs. Walter. The date specified as the beginning of the second period of irregularity is that upon which the lawyer, I. S. Sniffen, Walters and their two children moved to the scene of the poisoning.

Mrs. Caroline Giddings Rogers, in her complaint, does not state her husband's actions had her consent or connivance. No mention is made in the complaint, however, of the several occasions preceding August 15, 1911, she had admitted pardoning the lawyer after discovering his infidelity.